

EVERY ADVERTISEMENT IN THE RECORD IS A MONEY SAVER TO OUR READERS--DO NOT SKIP THE ADVERTISEMENTS

## CLEAN-UP DAY COMING

Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25.

## LET EVERYBODY GET BUSY

And Assist in Making Alma the Cleanest Little City in Michigan

The ladies of the Civic Improvement League have designated Thursday and Friday, April 24th and 25th as clean up days. Teams will be provided and all refuse placed in streets and alleys at that time will be removed. A glimpse of the alleys not only in the residence portion of the city but in the business section as well show the need of this work. In speaking of clean-up day the Owosso Times of last week said in part:

"During the winter it was easier to dump the ashes in the alley than to cart them away. The pile of ashes is not a thing of beauty. Take it away. The sooner it is taken away the sooner will an unpleasant duty be out of the way. During the winter it is easy to toss the discards of life into the back yard and the snow charitably covers them from view. Spring reveals them and strewn around they are not joys to the orderly soul nor sources of happiness. Clean them up early and have them out of the way. During the winter rubbish gathers in the corners and in the cellars, under the counters and in the gutters in the street outside. Get after it with a broom and mop and hoe, if necessary, and put it from view as early as possible. The windows may have been neglected, during the cold weather and dust may have gathered on the shelves—right now is the time to clean up. Cleanliness and neatness are business assets."

Alma has the reputation of being the busiest little city in Michigan. Let us all pull together and by ridding our alleys, yards and streets of the winter accumulations of filth and debris make it the cleanest city in the state.

## CHICKEN OWNERS, ATTENTION!

### Ordinance No. 56.

SECTION 2.—That no fowls of any kind shall be kept within said city of Alma except the same be kept in an enclosure, and shall not be permitted to run at large upon any premises within said city. That the enclosure in which the fowls are kept shall not be within fifty feet of any dwelling house or source of water supply from which water is used for drinking or culinary purposes. That said enclosure shall at all times be kept clean and free from filth and unwholesome matter or refuse and all coops and resting places of all such fowls shall be cleaned and disinfected at least once in each week.

Continuous complaints are coming to me of violation of the above section of Ordinance No. 56. All complaints made to me will be given attention and owners of said fowls will be notified to comply with above ordinance. The penalty for violating the ordinance is a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and cost of prosecution, or imprisonment in county jail for a term not exceeding ninety days.

J. D. HELMAN,  
City Marshal.

## HOMEWARD BOUND.

The Daytona Florida Gazette News of April 5, contained the following item of interest to our citizens:

"Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tuttle, of Alma, Mich., who have been season guests at the Osborne, Orange avenue, departed Tuesday morning on their return north, stopping enroute at Jacksonville, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Cleveland, Tenn. Mr. Tuttle was quite ill during the first month here, but has steadily improved and goes home feeling very well indeed. They greatly enjoyed their stay in Daytona and at the Osborne and very much regretted leaving, but hope to return next winter. Before departing Mr. Tuttle subscribed for the Gazette-News to keep them in touch with happenings in Daytona and vicinity. Like many other visitors they are enthusiastic over the natural beauty of Daytona. They say they shall miss the singing of the mocking birds, the sound of the surf on the ocean beach and the delightful music of the Saracina band."

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle will be glad to welcome them back to their old home.

Have you seen that new Klossed Krotch Union Suit. Best on the market, at prices that are right. Fred Slater, Men's Wear Store.

## GRATIOT COUNTY Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE GROUP TAKEN SATURDAY, APRIL 12



Photo by W. R. Baker, Alma

The above picture shows a group of delegates to the County Y. M. C. A. Conference taken in front of the new high school building. Ten years from now these same young men will be represented in all the active business life of the county.

## FIRST ANNUAL BOYS CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Largest County Y. M. C. A. Gathering Ever Held in Michigan—444 Fed at Banquet—392 Boys Registered—J. R. Whitney of St. Louis Elected President

The Gratiot County Y. M. C. A. Boys' conference for 1913 is now a matter of history, the last session of the conference being held in the school house auditorium last Sunday evening. Last week, Friday, the bunch began coming and every train from the east, west, north and south brought its quota of enthusiastic young men bent on a good time. An interesting program of events had been prepared by the committee. The first number of which was the banquet planned for Friday evening in the High school gymnasium. Six tables running the length of the room accommodated the 444 boys, while at a table placed across the end of the room were seated the officers of the association and the speakers of the evening.

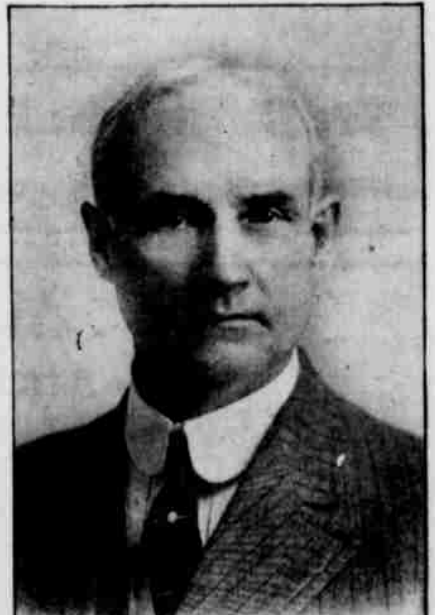
It required the combined service of forty-five Alma young ladies to serve the group and their part of the program was accomplished in a manner that kept every boy busy for the hour or more they spent at the table.

Following the feast, the boys adjusted their chairs so as to secure a good view of the speakers table, and listened to the report of the nominating committee, which was as follows:

President—J. R. Whitney, St. Louis.  
Vice President—Merritt Miller, Alma.  
Secretary—Carleton Spooner, Ithaca.  
Treasurer—Carl Street, Wheeler.

The report of the committee was adopted, following which Ezra L. Smith of this city was introduced as toastmaster of the evening. Frank Hurst of Ann Arbor had been selected for the position but being unable

EZRA L. SMITH



Mr. Smith was the efficient toastmaster at the Gratiot County Y. M. C. A. Conference Banquet.

to be present Mr. Smith consented to assume the position, and he certainly maintained his reputation not only as an excellent toastmaster, but story teller as well. Following is the program:

Address of welcome.  
Business men of Alma—H. C. Moore.  
Boys of Alma—Dick Rockwell.

Response for the boys—George Green.

For men—Dr. M. G. Skinner, Ithaca.

Music—Alma High School Glee Club.

"The All Round Man"—Howard Youngs, St. Louis.

"The Unorganized Field"—Gardner Schultz, Middleton.

Athletics—Coach Bleamaster, Alma.

Violin Solo—Prof. A. L. Barton.

"Gratiot's Opportunity"—C. L. Rowe, State County Work Secretary of Y. M. C. A.

"The Other Fellow"—J. Q. Van Dis, State Boys' Work Secretary, Y. M. C. A.

Every number on the program was received with vigorous applause from the boys, especially the musical numbers, Prof. Barton and the Glee club being compelled to respond with encore numbers to the long, loud and continued cheering which followed their first numbers.

Before the boys dispersed for the evening a flash-light picture of the group was taken by Photographer Baker, after which the banquetters dispersed to their homes to secure needed rest before the program of Saturday, which opened at 8:30 a. m. with a song service, followed by devotional service conducted by Rev. J. W. Priest.

10:15-10:45—Group conferences:  
Leaders led by C. L. Rowe.  
High school boys—J. A. Van Dis.  
Grammar school boys—Mr. Runciman of Saginaw.  
District school boys—E. T. May of St. Johns.

Recess.  
10:45-11:15—Business session.  
11:15-11:30—Address—Rev. W. H. Mason.

Conference photograph.  
Following the dinner hour the gymnasium was kept in use by games, efficiency tests, basket-ball, etc., until time for the parade which occurred at 5:00 p. m. when the boys, 283 strong, headed by Superintendent F. E. Ellsworth of the city schools, paraded the principal streets of the city returning down town from the west the boys took to the sidewalk where in lock step and college yell they proceeded to the corner of State and Superior streets where they executed a drill, later dispersing to their several homes for the supper hour. In the evening the auditorium of the school building was used and the following program enjoyed:

7:00-9:30—Music—Girls' Glee Club of Alma High School.  
Address—Eugene Foster of Detroit.

Music—Alma High School Glee Club.  
Stereopticon lecture—J. A. Van Dis.

Music—St. Louis High School Glee Club.

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the recipient of applause from the three to four hundred young men present. The committee had secured the film of the Olympic games and during the afternoon the boys all had the opportunity of viewing them from the curtain in the Alma Vaudette, where Secretary Bayliss had made arrangements to have them shown. Sunday morning the boys attended the various churches of the city and in the afternoon two meetings were held, one at the Baptist church for boys sixteen years or under, the other at the Methodist church for boys sixteen years and over. These meetings were both largely attended and the interest manifested by the young men was a source of great satisfaction to those who have been active in promoting the association work in the county.

At seven o'clock Sunday evening a farewell service was held in the High school auditorium which was largely attended by the boys who had remained throughout the entire session. The service was in charge of Secretary Bayliss and E. C. Foster of Detroit. A song service was first on the program followed by a testimony meeting in which those present told of the benefits they had received as a result of the conference sessions. Later in the evening, Mr. Foster requested all those who had decided as a result of the conference to lead a better life to stand up. Sixty-eight of the young men were on their feet, twenty-four of them members of the Alma High school, certainly a gratifying response to those interested in the welfare of the young men of Gratiot county. The meeting closed by all present joining hands and singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

At the Sunday evening session the Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report:  
"The boys of this conference do not presume to repay the people of Alma for what they have done for us by a mere formal resolution, for we take it that the same motives which have governed them have brought us here and sent us out to raise the standard of life in our country."

"Whereas, The people of Alma

Alma Gets Her Share of Oratorical Honors.

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Paul R. Cash, with an oration on "Napoleon Bonaparte," represented Alma in the oratorical and Stanley Stoddard with "A Message to Garcia" in the declamation contest.

The contestants in oratory were very evenly matched and it required an hour and a half of the judges time to decide to whom the honors should be given. First place was finally awarded to James Fairman of Big Rapids, whose oration was on the "Deposition of the Saloon." Upon a basis of zero as perfect, the following is the standing of the contestants:

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## BOARD SUPERVISORS

Met at Ithaca Last Tuesday and Organized by Electing

FRED BRADFORD CHAIRMAN

Committees Appointed—Helman on Equalization, Sullivan on Claims No. One.

The Gratiot county Board of Supervisors met in their regular spring session, Tuesday of this week, and organized by electing Supervisor Fred Bradford, of Arcadia township, as chairman of the Board. Following is a list of committees appointed.

Equalization.

Gibbs, Helman, Lanshaw, Newton, English, Whitman, Newell Bradford.

Claims No. 1.

Sullivan, Houseman, Case.

Claims No. 2.

Wheeler, Evey, Russell.

County Officers.

Peach, Wright, Whitman.

Ways and Means.

Heines, Horton, Parrish.

Taxation.

Wright, Heines, Wells.

County Buildings.